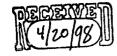


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Dr. Elizabeth Yetley
Director of the Office of Special Nutritional
Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
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200 C Street
HFS-455
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Dear Dr. Yetley:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of Section 403(r) (6)(21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6)) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of statements of nutritional support which have been made on the label and/or in the labeling in connection with the marketing of the dietary supplement CHELATED FERROUS GLUCONATE 5 grain. CHELATED FERROUS GLUCONATE 5 grain will be first marketed with these statements of nutritional support on Monday, April 1311998. The statement of nutritional support is as follows:

"Helps build red blood cells"

Very truly yours,

MASON VITAMINS, INC.

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